Commodities Related to Outbreaks Change Frequently

Why doesn't the proposed Produce Safety Rule only target fruits and vegetables that are known to have caused outbreaks of foodborne illness? Why include produce that has not been involved in outbreaks of foodborne illnesses? As you can see here, new players join the cast regularly. The below infographic shows produce-associated outbreaks that occurred between 1996 and 2009. It only shows the years a new type of produce was related to outbreaks during that time period. Because we cannot anticipate with certainty which foods could be contaminated in the growing, harvesting or production process, the rules that we propose would cover a variety of produce.

Produce Associated with Outbreaks 1996–2009:

